

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY COLLECTORS BOARD  
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WINTER NEWSLETTER

- 1) Attached you will find a Membership Listing of paid-up members.
- 2) The September 1989 issue of THE BANK NOTE REPORTER carried a full page advertisement of Tom Denly. The upper left corner of the advertisement carried a two column boxed appeal to join the FCCB. The space was donated by Tom without our knowledge. He deserves your "Thank You's". We have had several inquiries as a direct result.
- 3) You will also find attached photocopies of two framed items illustrated in various publications. Each of the framed items refer to Fractional Currency...
- 4) A recent article in COIN WORLD by Brent Hughes illustrated three Enveloped Postage Envelopes. Two were previously unknown and I contacted Brent for further information. Catalog Numbers 97A and 111A are the result of his cooperation and they are illustrated on the attached. Add the sheet to your catalog as an addenda.
- 5) Martin Gengerke reports that he has just sent the "Fractional Note" that will appear on the cover to the Box Maker for reproduction. Therefore, those of you who ordered the boxes through Martin can expect Invoices shortly and Box delivery about February.
- 6) The revised ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POSTAL AND FRACTIONAL CURRENCY should be enclosed with this Newsletter. The delay has been caused primarily in our attempt to get the original copy reproduced on a Laser Printer. I sent the manuscript on disk to Martin Gengerke in July. Unfortunately due to the pressure of his activities, Martin was delayed in actually transferring the computer codes from my Dot-Matrix Printer to the Laser Printers available to him. Needless to say he found some errors that needed correction and more time was lost between Cleveland and New York. In any case when all corrections were made, Martin ran into the problem of busy season plus unavailability of the printer. Anyhow, I finally got the printout, checked it and had it reproduced by a local duplicating house. Voila, it is here...Many Thanks are due Martin for getting us this Laser printed original from which your copies are duplicated.

M.R. Friedberg

PS. Already the book is slightly out of date! I have just added a new Essay of the First Issue 5 cent Reverse to my collection. It has been assigned number 1E5R.3 and is intaglio printed in GREEN ink on .0015" thick bond paper. It has been trimmed to the vignette's approximate shape with straight cuts. It is mounted to a white card (2 x 4 9/16") and is believed to be Unique.

# Rare Coin Review

Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc. • Box 1224 • Wolfeboro, NH 03894 • (800) 222-5993 • Winter 1989 • No. 75 • \$5

IN THIS ISSUE

A SPECIAL OFFER  
ON 1909 VDB  
CENTS!



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RARE COIN PURCHASES!



Photograph by  
Cathy Dumont

## ABOUT THE COVER:

Mark Borckardt and Liz Arlin from our Direct Sales Department are shown with a Fractional Currency Shield. The shield is an office decoration here at Bowers and Merena Galleries, obtained many years ago from Oscar G. Schilke, who in turn acquired it from the estate of a 19th-century governor of the state of Connecticut.

"America counts on the Treasury to continue its stewardship of its resources," Brady said. "All Treasury employees can be proud of its history."

After the official remarks and the release of red, white and blue balloons, Treasury employees moved to the North Plaza outside the Treasury building to sip lemonade and sample cookies and birthday cake while looking at displays from agencies under the Treasury's jurisdiction.

A 6-foot plastic Ionic-style "penny pillar" filled with Lincoln cents highlighted the U.S. Mint display. A 1989 American Eagle silver dollar coin was the prize for the employee who received for guessing the correct number of cents in the pillar, according to Terry Abdoo, special assistant and press secretary for Mint Director Donna Pope.

Abdoo said Ratcliffe's guess of 131,293 came closest to the actual number of 129,840. Ratcliffe, who works for the IRS, was among the approximately 1,000 guesses submitted, including one from Secretary Brady. Abdoo said the most common guess was 1 million.

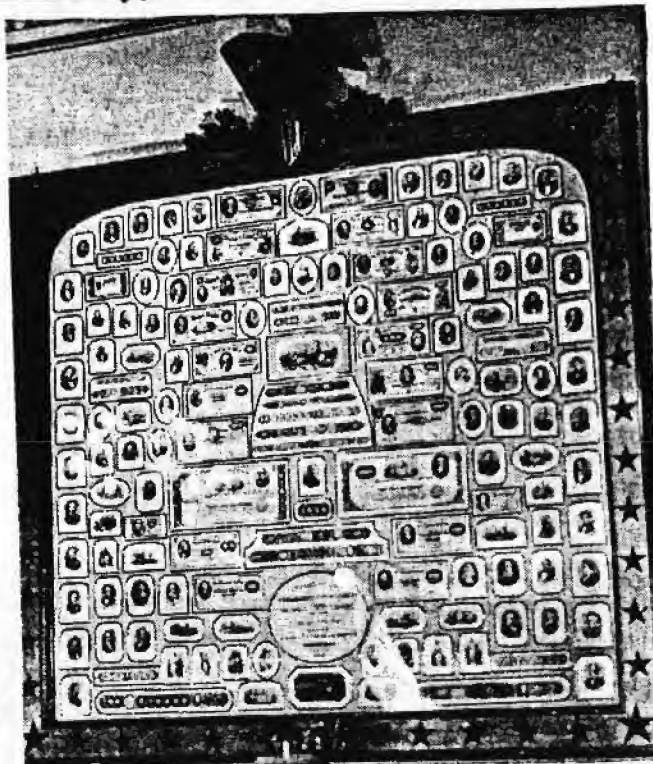
Abdoo said the pillar was made especially for the Treasury's bicentennial celebration and will now be on display at the Philadelphia Mint visitor's center.

In addition to the Mint's display, members of the U.S. Customs Service Canine Enforcement Training Center and their human handlers eagerly demonstrated the dogs' ability to sniff out contraband concealed in suitcases, boxes and even on human beings.

Employees were also invited inside the main Treasury building to view the historic Cash Room, which temporarily served as a backdrop for displays from several Treasury agencies — such as the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Law Enforcement Training Center, U.S. Secret Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms — and take a tour of the Secretary of the Treasury's Conference and Reception room, a cross section of one of the original four burglar-proof vaults dating from 1864, and the yet-to-be restored office suite used by President Andrew Jackson. Also on the tour will be the collection of portraits of the 38 Secretaries of the Treasury presented in order of service.

On Sept. 16 the main Treasury, the third oldest federal building in the U.S. capital, opened its doors to tours for the public available on alternate Saturday mornings by advance reservation. Arrangements can be made by calling (202) 343-9136.

The Treasury building, begun in 1836, is the oldest U.S. capital building built to accommodate members of the federal workforce. American architect Robert Mills, who designed the Washington Monument, also designed the Treasury building.



**PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED** in the Secretary's conference room is this framed example of the engravers' art. Vignettes and presidential portraits designed by the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing, are displayed in an ornate wood frame.



**OFFICERS** Enforcement employees' contraband.



**REPRESENTATIVES OF** the Bureau of the Public Debt and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, at left, await fellow Treasury employees in the Cash Room. Above, Treasury employees sample lemonade and cake as part of the celebration of Treasury's 200th anniversary.

ADDENDA to Catalog of Enveloped Postage

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